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1. Bela Szolti, Hungarian Commercial Attache in Vienna, whose offices are at Vienna I, Bankgasse 6, recently met with a representative of USIA's Central Commercial Bureau to discuss the procurement of certain priority requirements of the Hungarian tanning industry.
2. Szolti informed the Soviet agent that, as a result of a shortage of tanning materials, the Hungarian tanneries are now operating at only 35 percent capacity. He asked for USIA's assistance in procuring chromic acid and, particularly, quebracho bark, the supply of which is apparently controlled by the British.
3. While emphasizing the priority needs of the tanning industry, Szolti stated that he is also in the market for sheet metal, hematite, and all types of non-ferrous metals.

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